

For Emergencies Dial 911 Starting Today

Starting today, all residents with emergency situations should dial 911 for assistance from the police and fire department.

Calls will automatically go to a centralized communications center at the police station where the

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town's 6 dispatchers will distribute the calls for appropriate response.

Locations of the calling party as well as name of the addressee will immediately flash on a computer screen and will be locked in by dispatchers. People in town with special medical conditions have been urged to relay the information to Nynex so the company can program the special medical concerns into the computer as well.

The 911 emergency calling system went on line today in Duxbury, Marshfield, and Kingston after several years of planning, modifications to and consolidation of the dispatch area at the police station. Dispatching used to be done separately at each station house.

"There should be a vast improvement in response time," said Police Chief Enrico Cappucci. "The system will enable us to better serve our resident emergency needs."

Cappucci stressed that people only use 911 for emergencies. All other calls should be made on other business lines. Dispatchers want to keep the lines open for emergencies only, he said.

Town Emergency and Safety Phone Numbers

Duxbury: Town of -	
Ambulance —	
Emergency Only	911
Police Dept. -	
Emergency Only	911
Business Only -	
443 West Duxbury MA	617-934-5656
TTY Communications for Deaf	
Emergency Only	911
Business Only -	617-934-2387
Alternate Emergency Number	617-934-1512
Fire Dept. -	
To Report a Fire	911
Business Only	
668 Tremont Duxbury MA	617-934-5693